

### **REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for total consideration given the present application. Claims 1-13 were pending prior to the Office Action. Claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 2, 3 and 5 have been amended through this Reply. Claims 2, 3 and 5 are independent. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

### **ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

Applicants appreciate that claims 2-13 are indicated to define allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 2, 3 and 5 to independent form including features in claim 1. Claim 1 has been cancelled through this Amendment. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the application be placed in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact D. Richard Anderson, Reg. No. 40,439, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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